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Today's Scripture Reading

Exodus 5:15 - 6:13

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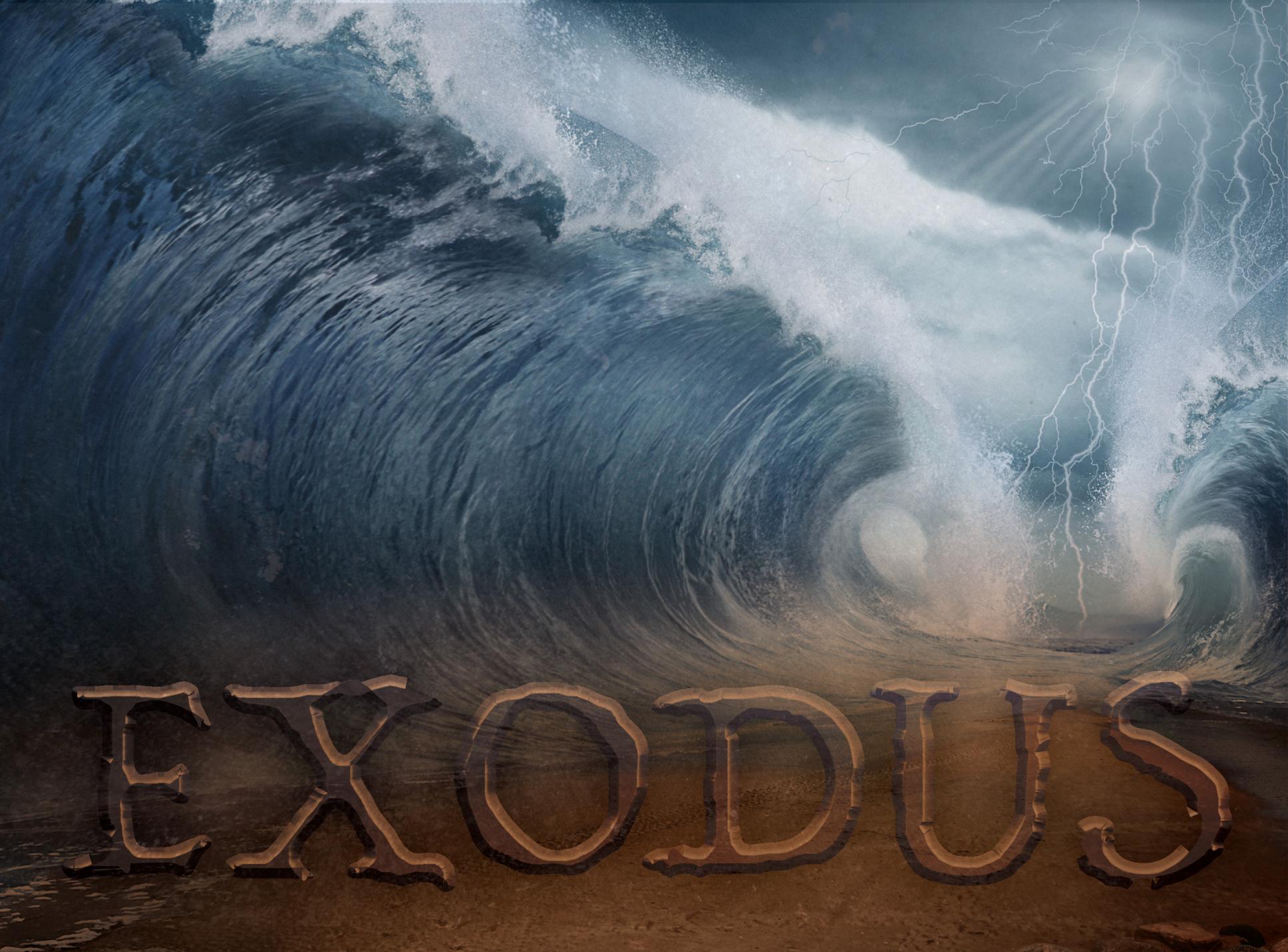
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I have heard and I have remembered my covenant

- Idiom - a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words
 - It's raining cats and dogs
 - Stop pulling my leg
- Idiomatic ways of saying, "I will respond to your prayers and am now going into action relative to my earlier promises." - Stuart.

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- Election - God's choice of Israel as His people.

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I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God

Deuteronomy 7:7-8: It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

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I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God

Acts 13:17: The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.

Mark 13:20: And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days

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Ephesians 1:3-5: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

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Matthew 16:24: Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34, Luke 9:23).

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But God!

Genesis 50:20: “You meant evil against me; *but God* meant it for good, in order to . . . save many people alive”

Psalms 49:14-15: “Their beauty shall be consumed in the grave *But God* will redeem my soul from the power of the grave”

Psalms 73:26: “My flesh and my heart fail; *but God* is the strength of my heart and my portion forever”

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But God!

Romans 5:7-8: “For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. *But God* demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:7-8).

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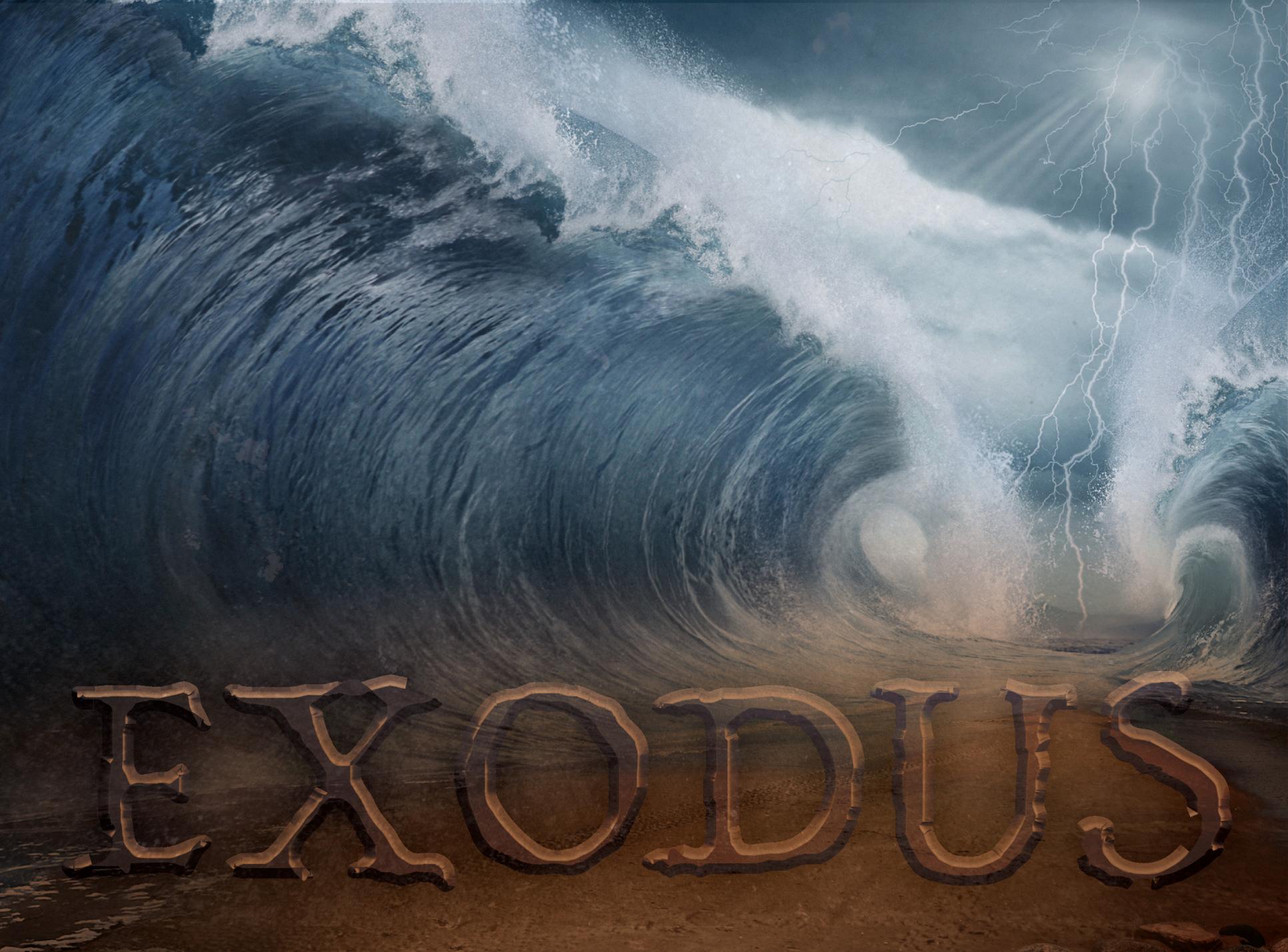
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- You were chosen to be a part of God's body, respond by choosing Him daily.
- Neither the external adversity nor the internal doubt changes God's view of you.

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